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Mitzelfelt Selected as Chairman of Local Agency Formation Commission

SAN BERNARDINO – First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt was unanimously selected to be chairman of the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) today by his fellow commissioners.

“I would like to thank the other commission members for their confidence in selecting me to chair this important body,” Supervisor Mitzelfelt said. “Our County, and the High Desert in particular, face major challenges related to growth and governance in the years to come. The decisions LAFCO makes can shape the future of communities and the quality of public services for generations to come.”

LAFCO oversees the creation of cities and other governing bodies, such as community services districts, defines the boundaries and authorized powers of those agencies, decides on annexations, and conducts periodic reviews of cities and agencies to ensure they are operating in compliance with state law.

The recent creations of the Helendale Community Services District and the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District were done through LAFCO. The reorganization of scattered and underfunded fire agencies into the single San Bernardino County Fire Protection District was one of the most complex projects ever undertaken by any LAFCO in the state.

Also at today’s meeting, James Curatalo of the Cucamonga Valley Water District was selected as vice chairman and James Bagley of Twentynine Palms, who served on the Commission previously, was selected to be the public member of the Commission, while Robert Colven of Big Bear City, also a former Commissioner, was selected as the public member alternate. Mr. Bagley replaces Richard Pearson of Apple Valley who decided not to seek another term as public member.

The seven-member Commission is made up of two members of the County Board of Supervisors, two city council members, two elected representatives of special districts and a public member.